## LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JULY 12, 1952

### FIRST DIVISION

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Juventus | 14 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 52 | 13 | 25 |
| Brighton | 15 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 51 | 30 | 23 |
| J.U.S.T. | 12 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 48 | 16 | 20 |
| Box Hill | 15 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 40 | 32 | 17 |
| Park Rangers | 15 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 30 | 28 | 14 |
| Yallourn | 13 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 32 | 31 | 13 |
| Prahran | 15 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 30 | 55 | 11 |
| Footscray City | 14 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 19 | 42 | 7 |
| Sunshine United | 15 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 20 | 48 | 6 |
| South Yarra | 14 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 15 | 42 | 6 |

Footscray City v. Yallourn and J.U.S.T. v. South Yarra matches abandoned.

### Second Division

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Moreland | 14 | 13 | 0 | 1 | 87 | 17 | 26 |
| Melb. Hakoah | 15 | 13 | 0 | 2 | 78 | 26 | 26 |
| Sandringham City | 14 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 40 | 38 | 14 |
| Preston | 13 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 29 | 26 | 13 |
| Int. Harvester | 14 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 20 | 41 | 13 |
| South Melbourne | 15 | 6 | 0 | 9 | 34 | 36 | 12 |
| Sunshine City | 15 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 30 | 40 | 12 |
| F.N.D. | 15 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 22 | 48 | 12 |
| George Cross | 14 | 5 | 0 | 9 | 21 | 51 | 10 |
| Coburg United | 15 | 3 | 0 | 12 | 24 | 62 | 6 |

Int. Harvester v. Sandringham City result not telephoned.

Preston v. George Cross match was abandoned.

### Third Division

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Polonia | 15 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 7 | 30 |
| Fairfield | 15 | 10 | 0 | 5 | 42 | 28 | 20 |
| Moorabbin City | 15 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 32 | 21 | 19 |
| White Eagles | 13 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 48 | 24 | 18 |
| Ulsterville | 14 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 40 | 21 | 17 |
| Williamstown | 15 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 22 | 25 | 16 |
| University | 14 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 25 | 45 | 9 |
| Woodlands | 14 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 7 | 38 | 6 |
| Royal Caledonians | 15 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 17 | 54 | 5 |
| Olympic | 14 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 12 | 50 | 4 |

### Fourth Division

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Maccabi | 13 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 65 | 20 | 22 |
| Dandenong Rovers | 14 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 58 | 23 | 21 |
| Frankston | 13 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 63 | 18 | 20 |
| Apollo | 12 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 33 | 24 | 17 |
| Slavia | 12 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 35 | 21 | 16 |
| Maribyrnong | 12 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 36 | 29 | 15 |
| Ringwood | 13 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 25 | 30 | 9 |
| R.A.A.F. | 12 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 16 | 43 | 7 |
| Victoria Police | 13 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 20 | 61 | 6 |
| Union Jack | 14 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 16 | 73 | 6 |
| Heidelberg | 14 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 14 | 49 | 3 |

Maribyrnong v. Apollo result not telephoned.

## RESERVE LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JULY 12, 1952

### First Division

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Juventus | 15 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 53 | 23 | 25 |
| Park Rangers | 14 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 59 | 21 | 19 |
| Brighton | 15 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 67 | 29 | 19 |
| Yallourn | 14 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 39 | 26 | 18 |
| Box Hill | 14 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 49 | 27 | 16 |
| Prahran | 14 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 31 | 44 | 14 |
| South Yarra | 14 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 38 | 33 | 13 |
| Footscray City | 15 | 5 | 0 | 10 | 25 | 41 | 10 |
| Sunshine United | 14 | 4 | 0 | 10 | 28 | 64 | 8 |
| J.U.S.T. | 13 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 7 | 88 | 0 |

### Second Division

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Moreland | 14 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 61 | 7 | 27 |
| Hakoah | 13 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 50 | 12 | 21 |
| South Melbourne | 14 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 40 | 23 | 17 |
| Sunshine City | 14 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 33 | 28 | 14 |
| F.N.D. | 13 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 16 | 19 | 14 |
| Preston | 14 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 25 | 34 | 14 |
| George Cross | 13 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 22 | 37 | 10 |
| Inter. Harvester | 14 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 18 | 37 | 9 |
| Coburg | 15 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 15 | 45 | 9 |
| Sandringham City | 14 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 14 | 52 | 3 |

International Harvester v. Sandringham City, Preston v. George Cross and Sunshine City v. F.N.D. matches not played.

Third and Fourth Division Reserves tables have been completed, with the exception of one postponed game.

League tables will alter after the League management committee deals with unplayed games. The completed tables will be published at a later date. In the meantime last week's tables will stand.

### Northern Victoria

(As at July 5, 1952)

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Benalla | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 32 | 15 | 13 |
| Dookie College | 9 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 21 | 28 | 8 |
| Shepparton Rovers | 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 20 | 8 |
| Shepparton United | 9 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 21 | 22 | 7 |

### Border District Association

(As at June 28, 1952)

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albury City | 8 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 25 | 5 | 14 |
| Wodonga | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 17 | 10 | 10 |
| Kiewa Whites | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 23 | 22 | 9 |
| Bandiana | 8 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 12 | 20 | 6 |
| Kiewa Reds | 8 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 29 | 1 |

### Peninsula Association

(As at July 5, 1952)

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Army Appren. "A" | 6 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 31 | 9 | 12 |
| Mornington | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 43 | 12 | 10 |
| Rosebud | 9 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 44 | 25 | 10 |
| Frankston | 9 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 31 | 31 | 7 |
| Army Appren. "B" | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 74 | 0 | 0 |

### Latrobe Valley

(As at June 28, 1952)

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| O.C.C. "A" | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 22 | 10 | 12 |
| Morwell | 9 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 24 | 10 | 10 |
| R.A.A.F. (Sale) | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 18 | 7 |
| O.C.C. "B" | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 11 | 6 |
| A.P.M. | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 14 | 14 | 6 |
| Yallourn | 8 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 14 | 27 | 3 |

**Country associations are requested to please bring their league tables up to date.**

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## NEWS

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# *Four Victorian Representatives Clash*

Tom Jack (Box Hill), who has captained Victoria on many occasions and has been "vice" for Australia, covers as Wright (Box Hill), who played against Jugoslavia, runs out and picks up from Copeland (Juventus), who was in the Victorian Carnival. Close by is Ralph (Box Hill), who captained Victoria twice against South Australia and also played against Jugoslavia.

# Editorial

**All communications re Soccer News must be sent to the Editor, V. J. M. Dixon. 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.8, by first post on Monday.**

This is surely the wettest winter that soccer has seen in Victoria for many a long day. The number of abandoned games caused by unplayable grounds must surely give the League management committee a headache with the few spare dates at its disposal.

The abandonment of the J.U.S.T. and South Yarra match, with the score 3-1 in South Yarra's favor, was not due entirely to weather conditions. It is hard to imagine a game being abandoned with eight minutes only to go on the score of weather alone. No doubt more will be heard of this game from the proper authorities concerned.

Most of the games played went more or less as the experts predicted in Division I. In Division II Harvesters' defeat of Sandringham at Geelong sets the "Hammers" back a position and takes the Harvesters up to third place.

The victory of Sunshine City over Flinders may save that club from relegation to Division III.

With three weeks only of League contests to go, every point tells a story, and lower clubs have their backs to the wall.

Arrangements for the State Lightning premiership, scheduled for Sunday, August 3, are proceeding well. So far more than 40 nominations have been received from teams desiring to enter. Further nominations are still pouring in. A great day of sport can be expected.

The efforts of a newspaper correspondent to play down the decision of the V.A.S.F.A. council to bring a coach from England next year, and to endeavor to have soccer played in and by State schools, is all the more remarkable when one considers that the gentleman concerned has always advocated more progressive action by the V.A.S.F.A. The fact that the Association has a trust fund, aimed especially for the purpose of propagating junior football, and that much of the cost of the scheme will be defrayed from that fund, must surely be known to the gentleman concerned—as it is to most authorities on Victorian soccer. His statement that club executives are criticising the expenditure is also rather "off the beam." Many club executives have been advocating similar action for years.

The gentleman's remarks smack rather of the famous English politician who is credited with saying "that had the idea been good, I would have thought of it years ago"—in other words, "sour grapes"!

Work in the State schools goes apace. Since the appointment of the Director of School Soccer the game has begun in no fewer than eight State schools, two technical schools, and four high schools—all this in four weeks. The reception generally to the V.A.S.F.A. representative has been more than favorable, in fact, so much so as to surprise the gentleman concerned—even in districts which are regarded as hot-beds of other codes. Letters also have been received from schools and teachers in such numbers that it has been impossible to cope with them all. It has been necessary to ask the gentlemen concerned to be a little patient until it is possible to catch up on them.

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# *A Word of Advice by Wally Barnes*

## (Arsenal and Wales)

Before it is too late, British football should set about learning the lessons which it taught the world—and now seems to have forgotten.

I believe that every footballer who has played in South America appreciates that argument. The skill of the Brazilians, for instance, has improved one hundred per cent. in the last two years.

We of the Arsenal realise the enormous strides which have been made there because we have visited Brazil twice since the war.

And we saw how amazingly they have developed their play—both in defence and attack, in individual ball-play and in tactics.

In the meantime, British soccer stands still. The methods introduced when the off-side law was changed twenty-six years ago are still the fashion. We are in danger of being left limping in the rear of world football.

Some people have said to me: "But the Brazilians wouldn't do very well if they toured over here." I disagree. I think they would do very well indeed.

Why am I so certain they are capable of still further increasing their claims to supremacy? Because, above all, they are so keen to learn and to improve upon their already high standard.

### FIRST TIME

The average footballer in this country believes that when the ball comes to him he has to kill it and beat someone before he passes. How differently those Rio and Sao Paulo experts act!

However awkwardly it comes to them it is away immediately, right to the foot of the man for whom it is intended.

No nonsense of awaiting his arrival in the open space. It is taken for granted he is there in position to receive the ball. And you can bet he has started running before the ball is on its way.

The Brazilians do not believe in those overrated "open spaces." They consider, and I agree with them, that the only open spaces are those left deliberately by defenders.

That is another big difference between our players and theirs. The Brazilians rarely made a bad pass. As a rule the ball flies straight to the feet of the man in position.

So the movement proceeds smoothly and at an astonishing pace towards the opponents' goal. Yet how often do you see in our football a promising movement break down through a faulty pass—bad ball distribution that could be wiped out by plenty of good, sound practice?

It is not so much that our players cannot make a pass straight to a colleague. I am sure they can, but it has been drilled into them that they must make a pass so that the ball can be taken in full stride.

That, in my view, is the big mistake we make. We send the ball in a certain direction and make a colleague run after it. The Brazilians get into position first, then the ball is sent right to their feet.

### VITAL DIFFERENCE

That may sound a trivial difference but really I believe it is vital. The chance of a mistake is reduced to a minimum when a straight pass is made,

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whereas, if it has to be judged to a foot or so, mistakes are bound to happen and the work has to be done over again. One natural consequence of that is the deterioration of the game as a spectacle.

To send a ball across field, over the heads of defenders, to a colleague, requires a high degree of skill. In fact, it is the work of a specialist like Alex James or Billy Steel. It should be used only to get out of a difficult situation.

Yet we use it as part of general tactics; and with poor results. The Brazilians simplify the move by the wing-forward moving inside and placing himself into position to receive the quick, ground pass that is certain to arrive.

That is why our full backs, when up against Continental sides, usually find themselves embarrassed by being faced with two opponents instead of one. They are given no chance to intercept a long pass simply because it is so rarely tried.

Possession is nine points of the law in soccer. That is why the Brazilians believe in making several short, sure passes, rather than take the risk of making a long one that may be intercepted by an opponent.

### GOALS NEEDED

Attack is their slogan. Yet we, in Britain, are obsessed with the idea that "if you can stop the other side from scoring you can't lose."

We must get rid of this attitude as soon as possible. It must become "the more goals you get, the more certain you are to win."

I am told by men who have been in football longer than I have that their solution to Arsenal's defensive system—one which the Brazilians studiously investigated during and after our first trip there—is the four forwards up in line which Arsenal used in Alex James's time—with wee Alex as the forager.

Old as it may be, it seems to be mighty effective. They have the men of ability necessary to carry out this plan. Unfortunately, many of our teams try it on without the talent required to see it through to a successful ending.

So you see there is much of their football over there which is reminiscent of soccer as it is taught in our schools—and then, unhappily, forgotten; soccer based on the cound, elementary foundation on which the British game was built.

What of English football in comparison? Sad as it may seem, I must admit that we have been too smugly satisfied for too long a time. We have been content to jog along in a state of blessed apathy, reluctant to try out new ideas and lacking the sheer enthusiasm required to polish up the old ones.

How different are those Brazilians—football fanatics, every one of them! Not for them satisfaction at reaching a peak. They are looking always for the next height to scale. Would that we were the same!

—Courtesy W.A. Soccer Mail.

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# *Soccer "Who's Who" —No. 18*

## TOM TANNER

By C. COLEMAN

Thomas Tanner is an apprentice in the metal trade at the Army School of Apprentices at Balcombe Army camp. Although he is only 18 years of age, he is showing plenty of promise at soccer. He has already had one trial for Victoria, when the Victorian team to play in the Interstate Carnival, which has just been concluded, was being picked. Although he did not make the team, he can well feel proud that he was the first player outside the Victorian State League to have had a State trial.

Tom was born in Sydney and went to the Christian Brothers' College at Manly. It was at this school that he became acquainted with soccer. It has remained "his game" ever since, although he does not turn his nose up at a little water polo. He is 5 ft. 9 in. tall and weighs 11 st. 6 lb., and although he has not played in a major game of soccer yet (except, of course, the State trial) it can be seen that he has plenty of time to achieve his ambition. He has youth on his side, and also weight and height. His position is on the half-back line, with a preference for centre-half.

Tom is one of the factors in the way that the Army School of Apprentices "A" team is sweeping aside all their opponents in the newly-formed Peninsula Soccer Association..

One of the four clubs which started the Peninsula association, Army Apprentices "A" are so far unbeaten after six games and has the outstanding goal average of 31 for to 9 against, proving that their defence and half-back line particularly has been proved very sound.

Tom, like all the lads in the Army Apprentice School, is learning a trade to fit him for life when his Army career ends. His working days are spent in the metal trades section of the school. Tom's ambition is that one day he may crack big-time soccer and to this end he is seldom without a ball at his toe in his leisure moments.

I am sure that all lads at Balcombe hope to see him playing in the Victorian team within a couple of years. If he continues to improve his play as he has done this last year, I think he is a "certainty."

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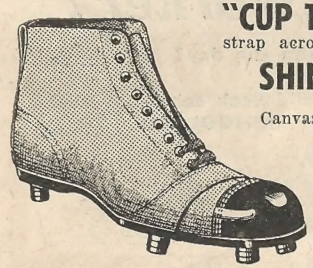

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# SECRETARY'S NOTES

**Assessing Goal Averages.**—At this time of the season we are frequently asked to indicate the correct method of assessing the goal averages of teams in the competitions. The method adopted is to divide the number of goals for by the number of goals against, and the club with the highest resultant dividend has the best goal average.

Examples:

| | Goals For | Goals Against | Percentage |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st .. .. | 63 | 65 | .9692 |
| 2nd .. .. | 31 | 32 | .9687 |
| 3rd .. .. | 28 | 29 | .9655 |
| 4th .. .. | 55 | 57 | .9649 |

**Postponed Matches.**—The following matches have been arranged for Saturday, August 9, 1952:—Third Division—University v. White Eagles. Fourth Division—Ringwood v. Apollo, and Maccabi v. R.A.A.F.

**Interstate Transfers.**—Clubs are hereby notified of the following resolution, passed at the annual general meeting of the Australian Soccer Football Association on June 7, 1952:—

"Any player wishing to transfer from one State Association to another must present with his registration form a clearance from his previous club and State association and approval from this association."

**Telephoning Results.**—On July 12 five clubs were fined for not telephoning their results.

**Second Division Reserves.**—George Cross Reserves have withdrawn from this Division.

**Fourth Division Reserves.**—R.A.A.F. Reserves have withdrawn from this Division.

**Matches Not Played.**—Clubs are again reminded that points cannot be awarded unless claimed for.

S. BEATON, Secretary V.A.S.F.A.

## *Soccer Ball*

### HAVE YOU GOT YOUR TICKETS YET?

There are still a few available, so get yours before it's too late.

Will all club secretaries or social secretaries who haven't returned moneys and unsold tickets, please do so not later than Monday, July 21. This is absolutely necessary so that table allocations can be made and catering supplies ordered. Thanking you,

J. W. GRAY, Chairman Ball Committee.


## *Are you a Shift Worker?*

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# HOME *and* AWAY

By REX BENSON

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### LONG RANGE HEADER

One local centre-forward was recently reported as having scored by heading in direct from a goal-kick that dropped short. Good effort, remembering the rule states he must be outside the penalty area when receiving the ball!

### FOOTBALL POOLS

In 1934, the Sports Federation of Sweden turned down a Government offer to run the National Football Pool. After less than 20 years the Government now makes millions in profit a year and the sporting body has to be content with a grant of less than half a million.

### BEATING THE WEATHER

Despite the atrocious weather conditions on July 5, the match I witnessed could be easily followed by the spectators because a white ball was used. The public address system in use on the ground at Dandenong was a definite success.

### VETERAN GOALKEEPER

The first man to sign on again for Everton this year was goalkeeper Ted Sagar. No new experience for him; it was his 24th occasion!

### WHY KEEP IT DARK?

I am not very mobile, so my thanks to the club secretary who sent me an item of interest last week—the one and only so far!

### GROUNDLESS SANDGROPERS

Western Australia soccer authorities are faced with the same ground problems as ourselves. They have not even an Olympic Park to help them out. Recent estimate of a key Division I game attendance in W.A. was 7500 in an open park. Seems we have not got all the troubles after all.

### THE DOCKERTY CUP

A recent suggestion put forward in the Press regarding the draw for the Dockerty Cup needs definite consideration. The byes should be given automatically to the senior clubs, as is the case with the F.A. This would give some chance for postponed games to be played.

### SOCCER IN SOUTH AMERICA

The big tournament soon to be under way in Rio is Copa Rio, organised by S.C. Fluminense, who are celebrating their 50th anniversary. It may surprise some to know soccer has been going for so long there. It is hoped that Hibernians or Dundee may be the British representative team.

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA JUBILANT

Perth soccerites are all set for the Australian team's visit late in August. They expect to have a "crackerjack" team and are all out to prove that W.A. is as good as any State. Our best wishes go to the Westralians who have had a very thin time—no touring teams since the Jugoslavs were there in 1949.


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# Men's Keep-Fit Classes

Sir,—The National Fitness Council will shortly be arranging keep fit classes for men in its training centre, 161 Flinders Lane, Melbourne.

According to enrolments received, these classes will be held at 5.30 o'clock on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, commencing on date to be fixed in August.

It is felt that there may be a number of men in the soccer association teams who would welcome this training opportunity. If you could make this known through your council to the Soccer Football Association, we would welcome the publicity.—Yours, etc.,

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# *Around the Clubs*

### BOX HILL

Sunshine United visited Box Hill last Saturday, hoping to defeat Box Hill and to improve their dangerously low position on the League ladder.

The Sunshine side was depleted, having lost seven of their original team since the season commenced, while Olifiers was absent from the home team owing to an attack of 'flue.

Sunshine were first to settle down and always looked dangerous. Box Hill forwards were playing too much as individuals and lacked the team-work of the previous week.

From half-time onwards torrential rain turned the ground into a quag-mire and both sides found the going very slippery.

After being transferred from the wing to centre-forward Reynolds posted two goals for the Hillmen and Schipperheim scored the third from a centre by Overall. In the meantime, Sunshine had scored a goal by Dren-nen from a penalty for "handling" against a home defender. The leeway was reduced just before time by Andy Kyle, who scored from close in. Result: Box Hill, 3; Sunshine United, 2.

Other results.—Reserves: Box Hill, 3; Sunshine, 4. Under 19: Box Hill, 6; Moorabbin, 0.

Members and supporters are asked to note the date for the next club dance on August 2 at the Town Hall, Box Hill.—A. JARVIS.

### COBURG UNITED

Coburg were beaten by Hakoah, 4-1. They were shown how soccer should be played. Coburg's only goal was scored by Doughney with a pass from B. White, outside-left. Best players were Delaney, J. White, Tormey.

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Reserves had another victory and a surprise one for Hakoah Reserves, the scores being 3-0. The team kicked off with the strongest side so far this season, and they kept up the pace all the way. If this team is unaltered for the remainder of the season they should win all before them. Best players were Blackwood, Orton and Drummond. Goal-kickers were Johnson and Orton.

Juniors: Under 17—Coburg lost to Brighton, 1-0. Under 14 "A"—Box Hill lost to Coburg, 6-1. Under 14 "B"—Coburg lost to Brighton, 6-0.

The sportsmanship of the Brighton 14 "B" team was a credit to the club and a sound foundation for their future years. Very special thanks must go to Mr. Wheel for the good job at refereeing he did for the 14 "B" match.

### FRANKSTON

Frankston last Saturday defeated Slavia by 2 goals to 1 at Frankston. This was Frankston's first home game for nine weeks (Rex Benson, please note), and a good crowd turned up to witness this vital match.

Frankston won the toss and kicked off with the wind. The first goal for Frankston came after 15 minutes, A. Ellams receiving the ball and shooting it into the corner of the net. From the kick-off Slavia tried hard to get the equalising goal, but the Frankston defence stood very firm. Instead of Slavia scoring it was Frankston who scored with J. Ellams after a scrimmage in front of goal. By this time the rain was falling heavily and was spoiling many moves by both teams.

During the second half Frankston were content to hold on to their two goal lead and all Slavia's attacks were thwarted until ten minutes from the end when a shot by Slavia was deflected just out of the goalie's hands into the corner of the net.

We would like to thank Mr. Sterrett and his gallant band of ladies who worked like Trogans throughout the game and amid the pouring rain to supply us with tea at half-time and also at the end of the game. It was certainly appreciated by all.

### HAKOAH

Hakoah defeated Coburg, 4-1, at Yarra Park on a dry and fast surface in the first half and a slippery, rain-sodden ground in the second half. Before the match, skipper Kurzweil, playing his 50th game, and ex-skipper

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*Saturday, July 26—No. 2 Oval*

BRIGHTON v. JUVENTUS

*Kick-off 2.45 p.m.*

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Freddie Lester, playing his 121st game, were each presented with a wallet by club manager, K. Defris, in recognition of their services to Hakoah club. Only outstanding features of the match were an excellent defence by Coburg and the ineffectiveness of Hakoah forwards, who failed to convert several gilt-edged chances. The home team's backlines rarely allowed Coburg's forwards to play the ball, so that Lorenzoni in goals had a very cold, wet and miserable time. Izzy Peters, who played his 84th game, and Freddie Lester are the only members of the 1945 Dockerty Cup Moreland-Hakoah winning combination still regular senior players, and have between them as many games as the remainder of today's Hakoah senior eleven put together, in the blue-white colors.

### SOUTH MELBOURNE RESERVES

The game started after much delay, waiting for an official referee who did not turn up, and no whistle available. In the end a Moreland official took charge. South Melbourne boys held Moreland in the first half, when there was no score.

An off-side goal was awarded to Moreland. After that Moreland put on another three goals and beat South Melbourne, 4-0.

Very unsatisfactory were the arrangements and there was no linesman for Moreland.—BAILEY.

### YALLOURN RESERVES

A very keen game was provided between the boys of Yallourn and Footscray Reserves at Turner's Reserve. Yallourn played very well together. Brilliant saves were made by Footscray City goalkeeper, Bryson, time and time again. When the ball was set for the net, up he would bob. Scores at half-time were 1-0 in Yallourn's favor. Play in the second half seemed to fade away. Yallourn was on top, and gained a firm hold of the game. Only the further terrific saves by Footscray goal-tender and Cairns, Chambers and McLean spared the score being more. Footscray boys, thanks for good clean game.—YALLOURNITE.

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# Border District Association

Mr. Zablud, president of the B.D.S.A. and Mr. Martin, secretary, will make the trip to Melbourne on August 10, to attend the conference of all country associations with the Council of the V.A.S.F.A.

Raffles are the order of the day to raise funds for Albury City's trip to Footscray for the first round of the Dockerty Cup.

Albury City's Junior team want to accompany the club to Melbourne and play a match against a metropolitan Under 15 team.

The Albury City team today visit Cobram to play the local boys to help the game in that area.

Albury teams had a bad day last Sunday week for the opening round of the Williamson Cup. Albury City Blacks were defeated by Wodonga, 7-0, and Albury City, previously unbeaten, were downed by Bandiana, 4-2.

### WODONGA v. ALBURY CITY BLACKS

Wodonga, by scoring four goals in the first 20 minutes' play, coasted the rest of the way for a 7-0 victory against the newly-formed Albury City Blacks. Feature of the game was the fine goal-keeping by Rodhouse for Blacks and the clever play by Wodonga's centre-forward, Bottari, who kicked five goals.

### BANDIANA v. ALBURY CITY

As expected, both teams turned on excellent football, with Bandiana the much better team on the day. In the first half they left their opponents flat-footed to put on three goals in the first half hour. In the second half Albury City drew up to 3-2, but then missed a penalty.

City's forward line were not functioning together. That cost the team the match. However, Bandiana's defence was superb. Woodford and Richards were outstanding.

Congratulations to Bandiana on their play, and in inflicting the first defeat on Albury City in a competition game.

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### LAIDLAW CUP

Greece v. Ireland, Olympic Park, 2.15 p.m.
Czechoslovakia v. Scotland, Olympic Park, 3.30 p.m.
Italy v. Holland, Royal Park, 2.30 p.m.

### LEAGUE

Poland v. Hungary, Royal Park, 2.30 p.m.
Jugoslavia v. Australia, Punt Road, 2.30 p.m.

### FRIENDLY

Malta v. Switzerland, Royal Park, 2.30 p.m.


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# Achievement

## *The Story of Jackie Wilson*

By ALEX. BARR

The year 1925 was a fairly important one from a soccer point of view. Migration was booming and soccer was benefiting greatly by it.

However, there was another important arrival—not an importation, either. His name was Jack Wilson, destined to become famous in Victorian and Australian soccer. In those days Albert Park was the main centre of soccer and almost as soon as he could walk Jackie was kicking a ball around.

On going to South Melbourne school he soon won his way into the school team, which, incidentally, was the leading team of the day. One amazing fact is that when only 14 years old Jackie played with the school in the morning and with South Melbourne Under 19 team in the afternoon. Need I say that he helped considerably to give South Melbourne boys the championship four years running. The team spirit that existed in South Melbourne Under 19's was such that when it appeared inevitable they would be split up when going into senior football, they decided to stay together. This decision was fortunate for Victorian soccer. It brought into being that well-known club, Park Rangers, which has always been renowned for keenness, team spirit, and fitness. Always to the fore in the organising and work of running the club, Jackie gained the respect of supporters, opponents, and team mates alike. With the end of the war came interstate fixtures and it is interesting to note that once again there was an influx of migrants. When we consider that every migrant has been brought up with soccer for breakfast, dinner and tea, it goes to Jackie's credit that not once did he miss State selection. Always working, seeking weaknesses in the opponents' defence, unselfish and clever anticipation gained by years of practice, made him a thorn in the side of the opposition. Jackie's brilliant equalising goal against Jugoslavia's touring team gave Victorian soccer the distinction of being the only State to be undefeated by the tourists. More important, that goal helped considerably towards Victorian soccer being recognised as an important factor in Australian soccer. Selection for Australia's team to tour South Africa was another feather in his cap, although a severe injury early in the tour kept him out of most of the games. All in all, when you see a tally of four interstate badges and three Australian blazers to the credit of a Victorian boy against stiff opposition in the high soccer standard of today, you must recognise this fine achievement. Coaching facilities and theoretical instruction, which were not available in Jackie Wilson's schooldays, are freely available now and he hopes, as I do, that all you boys will make full use of them and thereby rise to even greater heights than that fair-haired, smiling sportsman, who has contributed so much to the sport we all love so much.

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### GROWN UP JUNIORS

Who are still playing of the 1940 Victoria Juniors who went to Brisbane besides Norm Good, Harold White (of University) and Don Bingham? Does Don remember balancing on Victoria Street bridge after a night at the "Pineapple"?


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# Junior Association Notes

**Interstate Carnival.**—A Junior Under 20 Carnival will be held in Melbourne from August 27 to August 31. Three States, Queensland, South Australia and Victoria, will compete for the W. R. Dawnay-Mould trophy. New South Wales declined the invitation to take part. Dates arranged for the matches are: Wednesday, August 27 (Como Park); Friday, August 29 (Como Park), and Sunday, August 31 (Olympic Park).

**Points Awarded.**—21/6/52, Under 14—Moorabbin "B" awarded points against Coburg "B." 28/6/52, Under 17—South Melbourne United awarded points against Frankston.

**Transfer.**—James Balish transferred from Sunshine United to South Melbourne United.

**Cup and Shield Draws.**—The draws for the Cup and Shield competitions will take place at the next meeting of the executive committee on Monday, July 21, at the Temperance Hall (Savoy Theatre Buildings), Russell Street, Melbourne. Club members may attend to watch the drawing.

**Inter-Association Cup Contests.**—Arrangements are to be made for an Under 15 team to visit Yallourn in September to meet a team from the Central Gippsland Association. This will be in addition to the Under 14 and Under 17 teams.

**Extra Games.**—An extra round of League games will be played on July 26 for teams in the Under 17 and Under 15 Divisions. This will bring these divisions in line with the Under 19 and Under 14 Divisions.

**Points for Byes.**—Premiership points have been awarded to teams drawing a bye in the Under 17 Division for matches of the second round, i.e., from June 28 to July 26. This has been done so that all teams will have played an equal number of games when the League season is completed. Earlier in the season two teams withdrew from this division, which caused two byes a week.

**Coach.**—Mr. A. Scott, deputy chairman of the association, has been appointed coach of the Victorian Junior team to compete in the Interstate Carnival in August.

**Under 12 Cup.**—Immediately at the conclusion of the "J. J. Liston" and "Blue Riband Cup" competitions, an Under 12 Cup competition will be played. Players must be under 12 as at January 1 of this year. Clubs wishing to enter teams in this competition will contact the association secretary no later than August 4. Entry fee will be 5/- a team.

**Northcote Club.**—An urgent appeal is made for officials for the Northcote Junior Soccer Club. This club is entirely run by juniors, and unless senior officials are obtained soon, the Northcote club might have to wind up their activities. Further details may be obtained from the association secretary, J. A. Olsen, 314 Inkerman Street, East St. Kilda.

### BOX HILL UNDER 15

Box Hill played Sunshine City last Saturday. Sunshine attacked persistently in the first half, but only scored once. After the interval 'City scored a further three goals. This was due mainly to the strong half-backs. Final goal was a penalty by I. Smith. Final: Sunshine City, 4; Box Hill, 0.

The highlight of the match was the display given by the Hill 'keeper, J. Watsford. The home team captain, D. Cott, played his usual steady game.—FRANZ JARVIS.

### FAIRFIELD NORTH STATE SCHOOL

Team building began after Mr. Dixon's recent visit. The ball, presented by him to the school, was appreciated by staff and boys.

Already, natural ball play is to be seen among the ardent young enthusiasts. Singled out for their present abilities are young Lindsay Hughes—a born inside-forward. The control and previous experience of Bill Lawson mark him for our pivot. Bill came from Motherwell, Scotland.

A forward line with a sense of position is well on its way to being born, comprising Coomber, Marleborough, Stuart, Hughes and Barber. We are seeking, with confidence, full-backs and half-backs.

Thank you, Mr. Dixon, for your visit, the ball and the copies of Soccer News.—GEORGE McIVOR.

### SOUTH MELBOURNE UNITED UNDER 15

With two players short, and their regular interstate goalkeeper out through injuries, the Under 15 team of South Melbourne United club had a very hard match last Saturday against Northcote. Neither side had scored at half-time. South's first goal came soon after the resumption. After a good corner kick from Adam, the ball was deflected into the net by a Northcote full-back. Within 10 minutes Northcote evened the score. South's winning goal came one minute before time. Ron Crompton, a Queensland representative player, made no mistake.

South Melbourne's team now consists of six interstate players, Dal Mannering, Geoff Moulton, David Adam, Roger Sargent, Jim Balish and Ron Crompton.

# Calling All Boys!

Do you feel like Adrian Davies did? Adrian wanted the chance to play soccer at his State school, so he rang the Director of School Soccer and told him so. As a result the V.A.S.F.A. is donating a soccer ball to his school and he and his friends will have the opportunity of playing soccer in their sports period.

If you want assistance to have soccer played at your school, write or ring the Director of School Soccer, Mr. V. J. M. Dixon, XW 4134, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.8.



## JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JULY 12, 1952

**Under 19 Division**

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brighton | 14 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 54 | 6 | 26 |
| Juventus | 13 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 41 | 4 | 22 |
| Box Hill | 13 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 36 | 14 | 18 |
| Sth. Melb. United | 14 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 31 | 18 | 14 |
| Northcote | 13 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 17 | 25 | 13 |
| Sandringham City | 11 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 17 | 21 | 8 |
| Moorabbin City | 13 | 4 | 0 | 9 | 15 | 38 | 8 |
| Preston | 13 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 13 | 40 | 5 |
| Maccabi | 12 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 7 | 65 | 2 |

**Under 17 Division**

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brighton "A" | 13 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 56 | 12 | 23 |
| Sunshine United | 13 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 76 | 15 | 20 |
| Sunshine City | 13 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 47 | 16 | 20 |
| Polonia | 13 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 50 | 13 | 18 |
| Hakoah | 13 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 24 | 15 | 15 |
| Sth. Melb. United | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 22 | 21 | 14 |
| Brighton "B" | 13 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 22 | 44 | 12 |
| Coburg | 12 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 35 | 16 | 11 |
| Sandringham City | 12 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 10 | 65 | 8 |
| Preston | 11 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 39 | 7 |
| Box Hill | 12 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 8 | 41 | 5 |
| Frankston | 13 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 5 | 63 | 3 |

**Under 15 Division**

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brighton "A" | 15 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 5 | 20 |
| Sth. Melb. United | 15 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 48 | 7 | 24 |
| Sunshine City | 14 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 97 | 9 | 23 |
| Northcote | 15 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 35 | 22 | 18 |
| Prahran | 14 | 11 | 0 | 3 | 62 | 7 | 16 |
| Moorabbin City | 15 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 36 | 32 | 13 |
| Sunshine United | 15 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 44 | 31 | 11 |
| Box Hill | 15 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 23 | 52 | 11 |
| Sandringham City | 14 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 26 | 37 | 10 |
| Preston | 14 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 12 | 38 | 7 |
| Park Rangers | 15 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 8 | 76 | 5 |
| Brighton "B" | 15 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 1 | 135 | 2 |

**Under 14 Division**

| | P. | W. | D. | L. | F. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Coburg "A" | 14 | 13 | 0 | 1 | 79 | 6 | 26 |
| Sunshine City | 14 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 119 | 9 | 24 |
| Brighton | 13 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 93 | 7 | 20 |
| Sth. Melb. United | 14 | 8 | 0 | 6 | 73 | 29 | 6 |
| Box Hill "A" | 13 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 48 | 36 | 13 |
| Moorabbin City "A" | 13 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 42 | 71 | 11 |
| Coburg "B" | 14 | 4 | 0 | 10 | 8 | 88 | 8 |
| Box Hill "B" | 13 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 13 | 127 | 3 |
| Moorabbin City "B" | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 38 | 3 |
| Essendon | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 0 |

## Central Gippsland Juniors

**Under 18 Division**

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Yallourn United | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 31 | 3 | 13 |
| Newborough | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 20 | 13 | 11 |
| Rangers | 7 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 12 | 19 | 4 |
| Morwell | 8 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 12 | 27 | 4 |
| Sons of Malta | 6 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 19 | 4 |

**Under 15 Division**

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Yallourn United | 9 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 38 | 1 | 17 |
| Yallourn St. John's | 9 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 24 | 12 | 14 |
| Rangers | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 11 | 8 |
| St. Therese's | 8 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 13 | 7 |
| Methodist | 9 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 31 | 3 |
| Newborough P.B.C. | 9 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 28 | 3 |

In the Under 15 Division five of the six clubs belong to Yallourn, also two of the Under 18's. It will be seen that Yallourn are doing a big job in the Schoolboy question.—T. EVANS, Hon. Sec.

## Metropolitan High Schools

**("C" Section)**

(As at July 5, 1952)

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hampton High | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 6 |
| Frankston High | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Mordialloc High | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| Dandenong High | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 0 |